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GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA  
ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Forest Department – Case under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 for the allegation of demand and acceptance of bribe against Sri Gopi Ravi, Curator, Nehru Zoological Park, Hyderabad – Sanction of prosecution under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 – Accorded – Orders – Issued

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ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 62

Dated: 07-05-2018

ORDER:-

Whereas, Sri Gopi Ravi worked as Curator, Nehru Zoological Park, Hyderabad from 10.9.2015 to 9.2.2016 and by virtue of the post held by him, he falls within the meaning of public servant as defined under clause (c) of section 2 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988(Central Act, 49 of 1988).

2. And Whereas, Sri Mamidi Jagannath Reddy, Civil Contractor, R/o H.No.10-1-101/6/C, Bhagya Nagar Colony, Karmanghat, Sarooranagar, R.R. District came to the office of the DSP, ACB, City Range -2, Hyderabad and submitted a complaint written in English to the DSP, ACB City Range -II, Hyderabad stating that he has been working as contractor at the Nehru Zoological park, Hyderabad. He registered his firm in the name of his wife Smt. Anuradha i.e, M/s Anuradha Enterprises. He used to carry out civil works like chain link, fencing, cages construction, supply of animal feed and development works. For these works , he used to receive the bills directly form the office of the Curator, Nehru Zoological Park or from the Pay Accounts Officer, Hyderabad by way of cheques. During the month of September, 2015, he was allotted 13 different works in Nehru Zoological Park. After receiving works orders, he completed those works. The Forest Section Officer recorded the same in the measurement books after completion of the works. The Forest Section Officer submitted the measurement book to the Ranger. The Ranger check measured all the works and forwarded the same to the Technical Officer for verification. After verification by the Technical Officer, the measurement book and bills of 13 works were forwarded to the Superintendent. The Superintendent cross verified the measurement book and forwarded to the Curator, Sri Gopi Ravi for final approval. The Curator, Sri Gopi Ravi, Curator demanded 12 % towards bribe for passing and forwarding bills to the Pay and Accounts Officer, Hyderabad. He requested and convinced Sri Gopi Ravi, Curator that he would give the demanded bribe amount after the bills were passed. On his assurance, Sri Gopi Ravi, Curator passed the bills and forwarded to the Pay Accounts Officer, Hyderabad. In January, 2016, he received an amount of Rs.11,71,169/- towards 13 works. On the date of receipt of the amount, Sri Gopi Ravi, Curator demanded to give the bribe amount of Rs.1,40,000/-. As he was not willing to pay the bribe amount, he postponed the same. Further the civil works were completed in the year 2009 to 2012 and he was yet to receive 5% of EMD/FSD bills amounting to Rs.1,00,000/- and odd and after completion of due process, the bills were pending with Sri Gopi Ravi, Curator for sanction. On 8.2.2016, he

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approached Sri Gopi Ravi, Curator and requested to sanction the pending bills of EMD/FSD, for which Sri Gopi Ravi, curator demanded to give an amount of Rs.1,40,000/- as bribe @ 12% for the bills already sanctioned and the payment received by him from the Pay and Accounts Officer, Hyderabad in the month of January,2016 apart from Rs.10,000/- for sanctioning the EMD/FSD bills which were pending with him for sanction. In short, Sri Gopi Ravi, Curator demanded total amount of Rs.1,50,000/- and instructed him to bring the amount by keeping in a cover. Further, Sri Gopi Ravi, Curator warned him that if he failed to pay the demanded bribe amount, he would not pass further bills. When he expressed his inability to pay the demanded bribe amount, Sri Gopi Ravi, Curator instructed to pay the bribe amount of Rs.75,000/- for sanction of pending bills.

3. And Whereas, Sri Mamidi Jagannath Reddy was not willing to pay the demanded bribe amount of Rs.75,000/- to Sri Gopi Ravi, Curator, he lodged a complaint to the DSP, ACB, City Range-2, Hyderabad, requesting to take necessary action against Sri Gopi Ravi, Curator. After due verification, the DSP, ACB, city Range-2, Hyderabad, registered the complaint as a case Cr.No.02/RCT-CR-2/2016 u/s 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act,1988 on 9.2.2016 at 12.15 hrs and investigated into.

4. And Whereas, Sri Gopi Ravi, Curator was trapped in the presence of mediators by the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti Corruption Bureau, City Range -II, Hyd., on 9.2.2016 at about 17.40 hours when he demanded and accepted the bribe amount of Rs.75,000/- from Sri Mamidi Jagannath Reddy for having done the official favour of sanctioning the earlier bills and also to sanction the EMD/FSD bills of civil works undertaken by the wife of Mamidi Jagannath Reddy, which were pending with him.

5. And Whereas, the phenolphthalein test conducted on both the hand fingers of Sri Gopi Ravi, Curator, Nehru Zoological Park, Hyderabad yielded positive result. Further the swap tests conducted on the two papers on the left side tray of the Accused Officer and on the light green colour paper cloth cover which was at the right side table drawer of the Accused Officer which came into contact with the tainted bribe amount also yielded positive results. The tainted bribe amount of Rs.75,000/- was recovered from the right side middle table drawer of office table of Sri Gopi Ravi, Curator. The tainted amount of Rs.75,000/- and the resultant solution bottles were seized by the DSP duly attested by the mediators. The official favour file was seized form the possession of Sri Gopi Ravi, Curator, Nehru ZoologicaL Park, Hyderabad for investigation.

6. And Whereas, the above said acts of Sri Gopi Ravi, Curator, Nehru Zoological Park, Hyd., constitute the offences punishable under section 7 and clause (d) of sub- section (1) of section 13 read with sub-section (2) of section 13 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Central Act 49 of 1988).

7. And whereas, the Government of Telangana being the competent authority to remove the said Sri Gopi Ravi, Curator, Nehru Zoological park, Hyderabad, from service after fully and carefully examining the material placed before them (i.e. Copy of FIR, Meidators Report I & II and Final Investigation Report) in respect of the said allegation and having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case consider that the said Sri Gopi Ravi, Curator, Nehru Zoological park, Hyderabad should be prosecuted in a competent court of law for the aforesaid offences.

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8. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers, conferred by clause (b) of sub section(1) of section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Central Act 49 of 1988), the Government of Telangana hereby accord sanction for prosecution of the said Sri Gopi Ravi, Curator, Nehru Zoological Park, Hyderabad, for the offences punishable under section 7 and clause (d) of sub-section (1) of section 13 read with sub-section(2) of section 13 of the Prevention of Corruption Act,1988 (Central Act-49 of 1988) and for any other cognate offences punishable under any other provisions of law for the time being in force in respect of the aforesaid acts and for taking cognizance of the said offences by a court of competent jurisdiction

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

(AJAY MISRA)  
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT(FAC)

To  
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